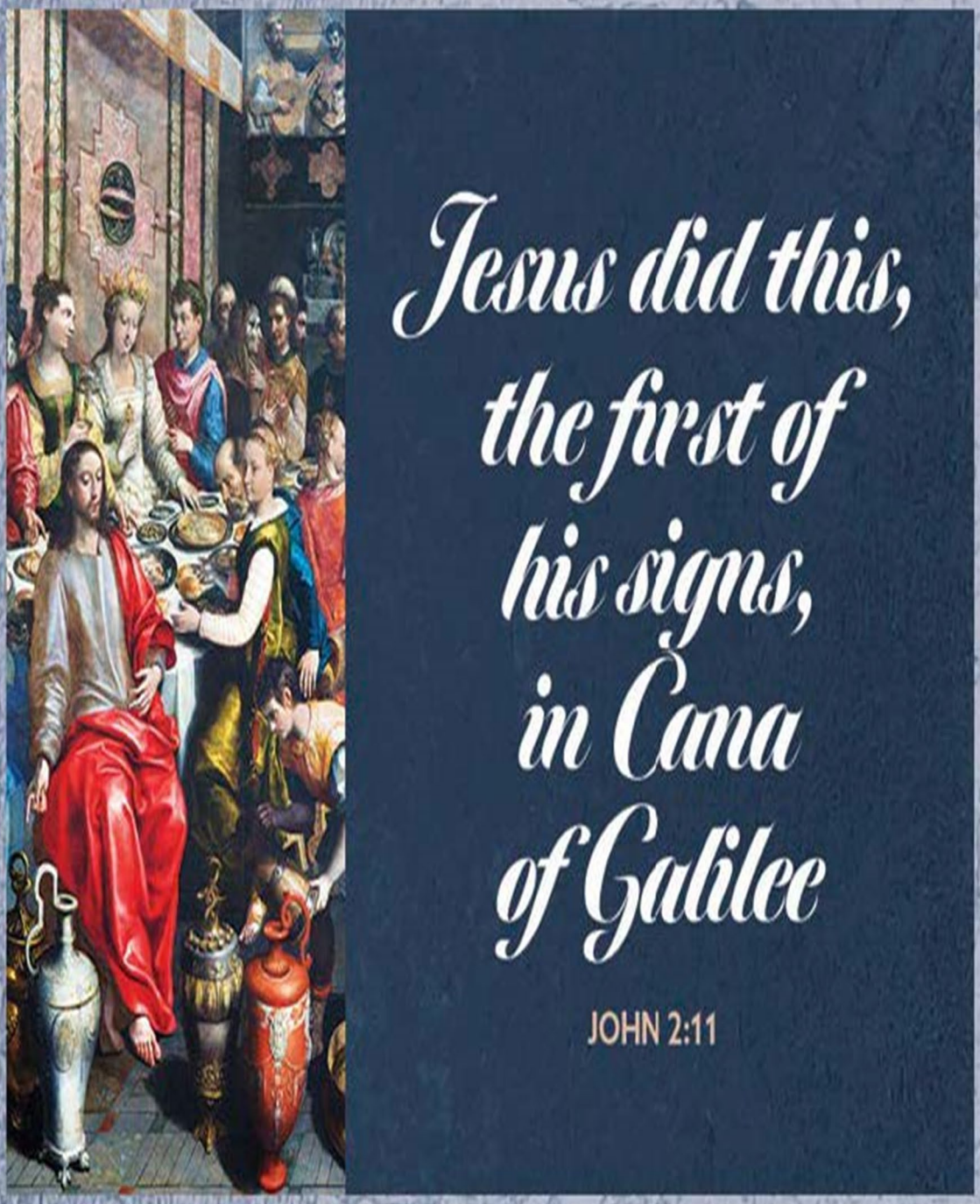



**Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI**
**January 19, 2025 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

*Worship Key*
*P: Pastor*
*A: Assisting Ministers*
***C: Congregation***

## PRELUDE

# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

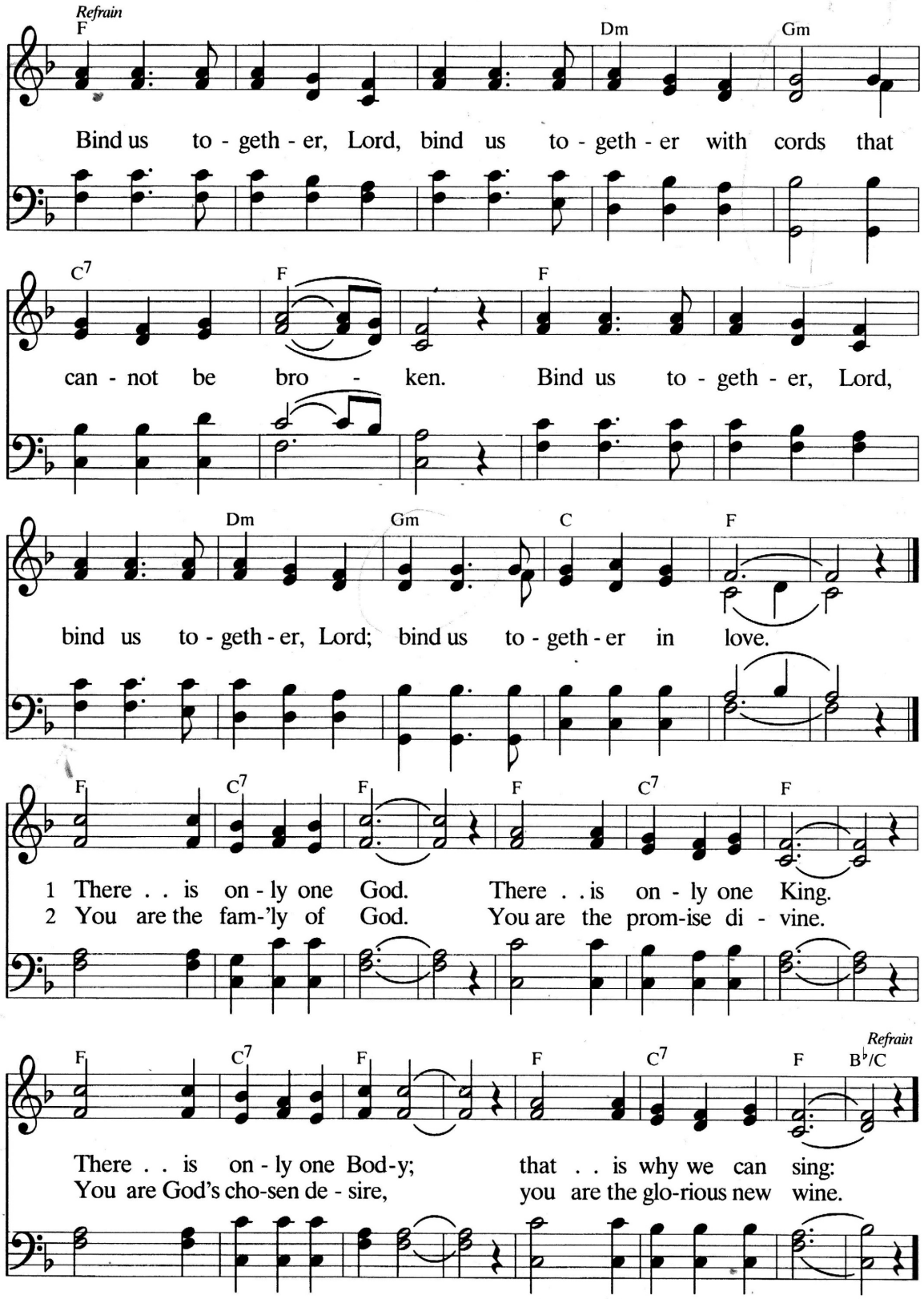
P: Merciful God,

**C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**C: Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN WOV 748

## *"Bind Us Together"*

Refrain
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Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
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can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
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bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.
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C7
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1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam-'ly of God. You are the prom-ise di - vine.
F
C7
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C7
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B♭/C
Refrain
There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing:
You are God's cho-sen de - sire, you are the glo-rious new wine.

Text: Bob Gillman, b. 1946
Music: Bob Gillman, b. 1946
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BIND US TOGETHER
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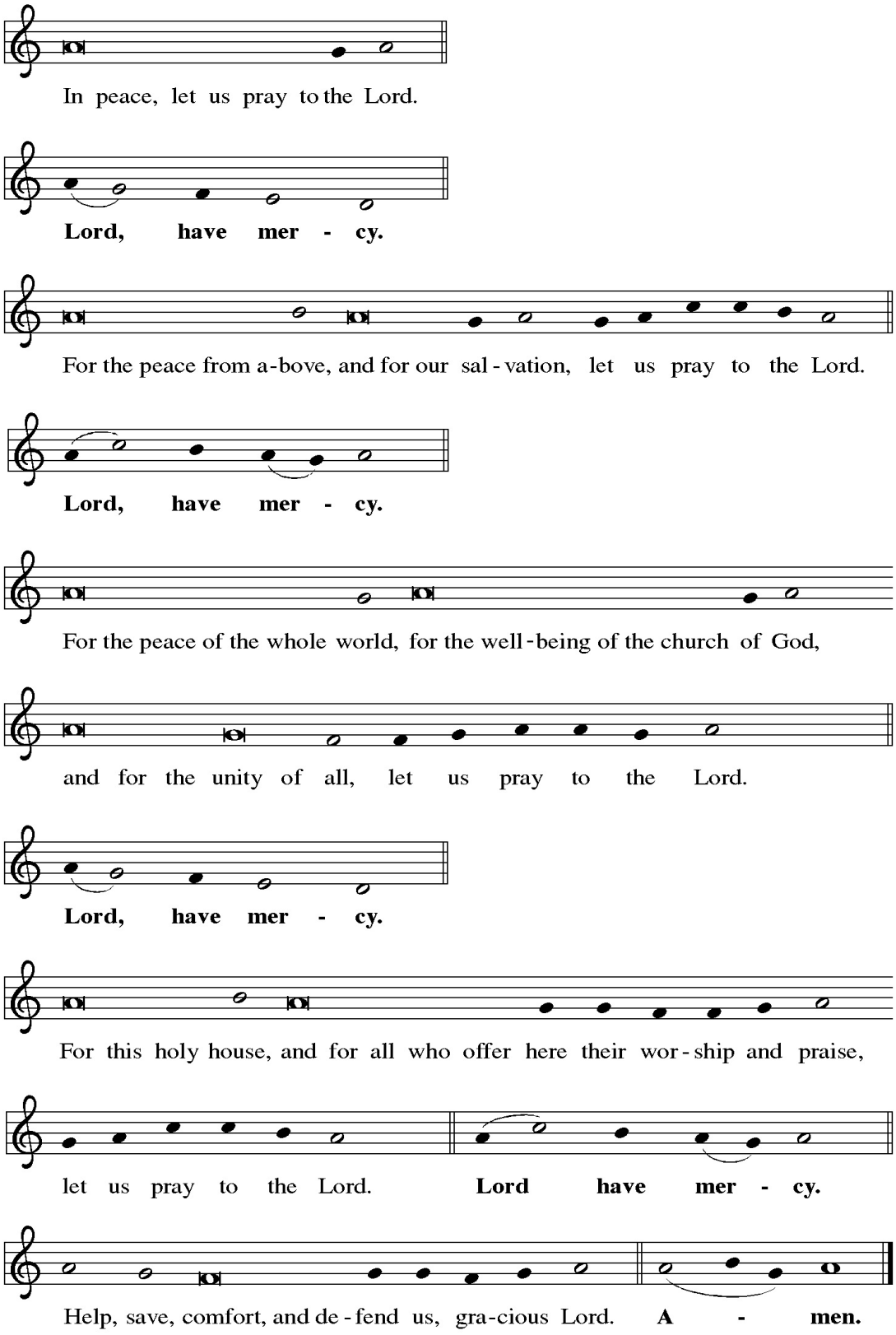
## GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## KYRIE


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**C: Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

# WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

*The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.*

A: A reading from Isaiah.

[1] For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn
and her salvation like a burning torch.
[2] The nations shall see your vindication and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.
[3] You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the LORD
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
[4] You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her and your land Married,
for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.
[5] For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10

*We feast upon the abundance of your house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

P: [5] Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
**C: [6] Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,**
**your justice like the great deep;**
**you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**
P: [7] How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
**C: [8] They feast upon the abundance of your house;**
**you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
P: [9] For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.
**C: [10] Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,**
**and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

A: A reading from First Corinthians.

[1] Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. [2] You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. [3] Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

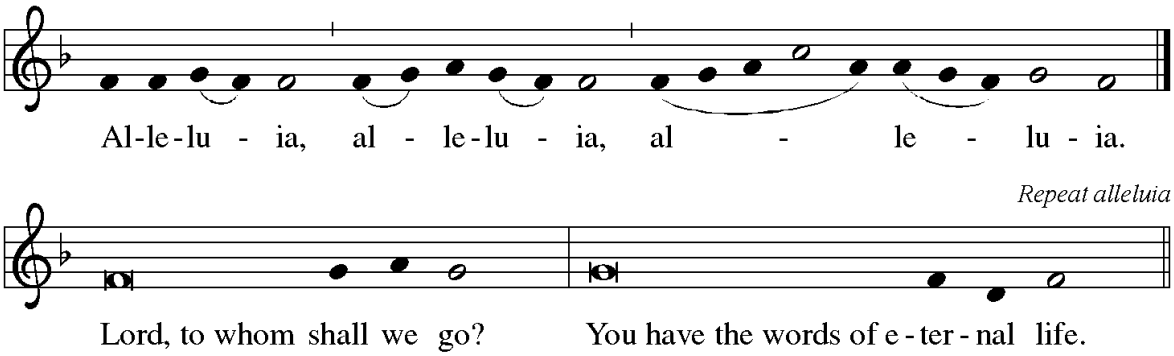
[4] Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, [5] and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, [6] and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. [7] To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. [8] To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, [9] to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, [10] to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. [11] All these are

activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

A: Word of God. Word of Life.
**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*




## GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

P: The Gospel according to John.
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[1] On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of
Jesus was there. [2] Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the
wedding. [3] When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have
no wine." [4] And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to
you? My hour has not yet come." [5] His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever
he tells you." [6] Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of
purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. [7] Jesus said to them, "Fill the
jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. [8] He said to them, "Now
draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took
it. [9] When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did
not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water
knew), that person called the bridegroom [10] and said to him, "Everyone serves
the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become

drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." [11] Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

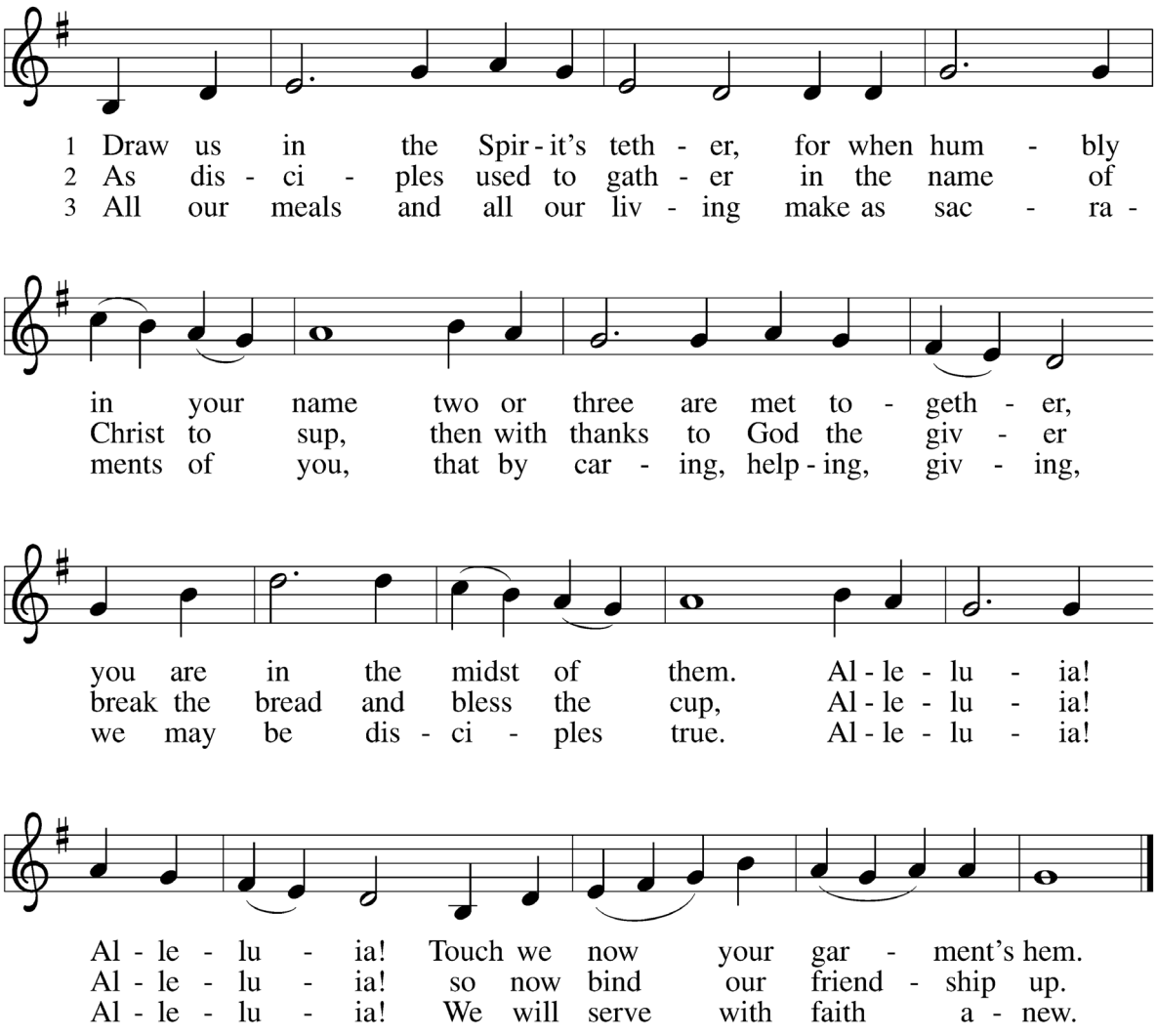
*A special message for children.*

## SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY — ELW 470

*"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"*


1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -
in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,
you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.
Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958
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## APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation to heed your prophetic call. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need especially John, Cora, Mary, Corky, Lynn, Charlie, Judy, Vicki, Linda, Ray, the friends and family of Amrette. God of grace,
**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for First Presbyterian, First UMC, St. Luke's Episcopal, and our sister ELCA congregations: King of Kings, Trinity, Zion, and Lord of Light/U of M Campus Ministry. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,
**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

*Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.*

A: Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints especially Henry, Bishop of Uppsala. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,
**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
**C: Amen.**

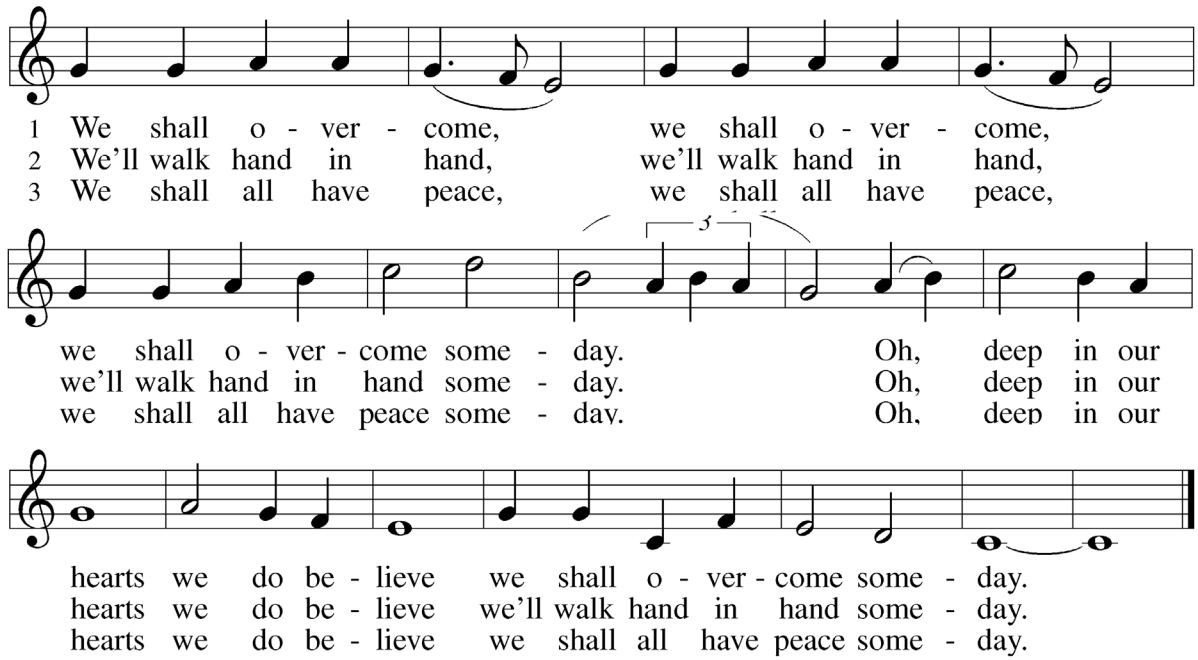
## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
**C: And also with you.**

# MEAL

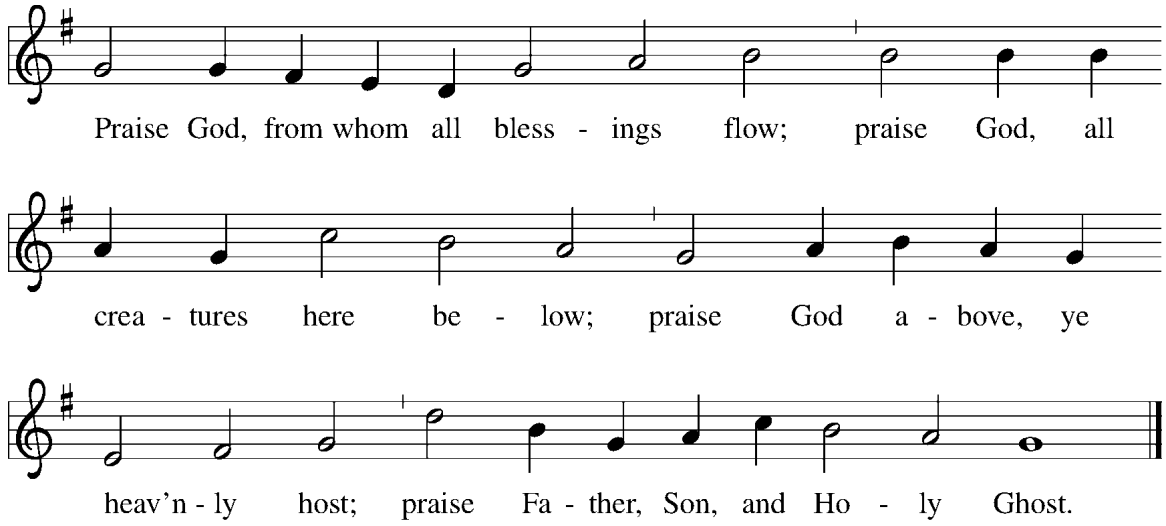
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY *"We Shall Overcome"*

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver - come,
2 We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,
3 We shall all have peace, we shall all have peace,
we shall o - ver - come some - day. Oh, deep in our
we'll walk hand in hand some - day. Oh, deep in our
we shall all have peace some - day. Oh, deep in our
hearts we do be - lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day.
hearts we do be - lieve we'll walk hand in hand some - day.
hearts we do be - lieve we shall all have peace some - day.

Text: traditional
Music: WE SHALL OVERCOME, African American spiritual

## OFFERING HYMN – *"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"*


Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

**C: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

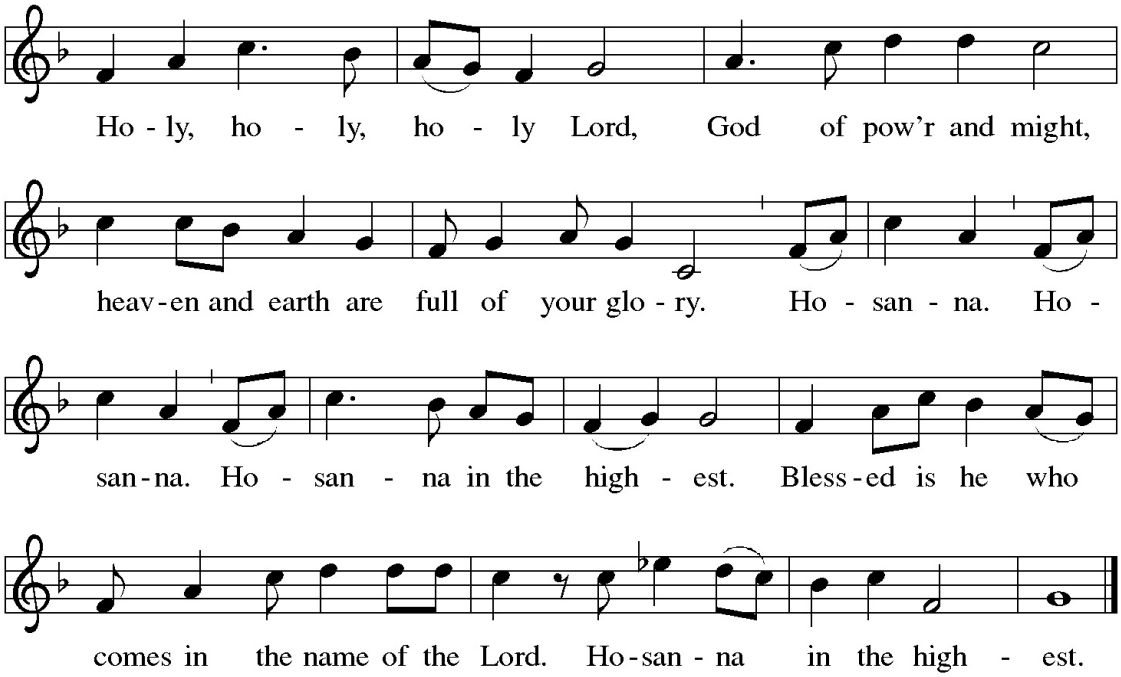
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying:
**C: Your mercy endures forever.**

P: By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness.
**C: Your mercy endures forever.**

P: By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations.
**C: Your mercy endures forever.**

P: By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love.

With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever.
**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

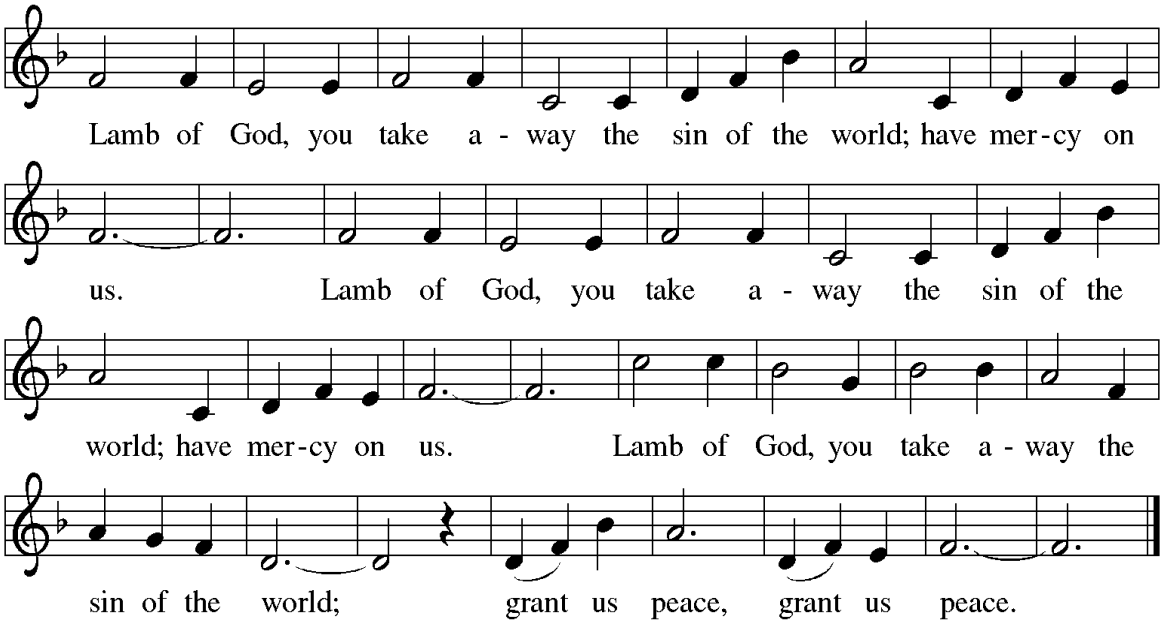
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**
**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,**
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**
**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**
**forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

## LAMB OF GOD CANTICLE


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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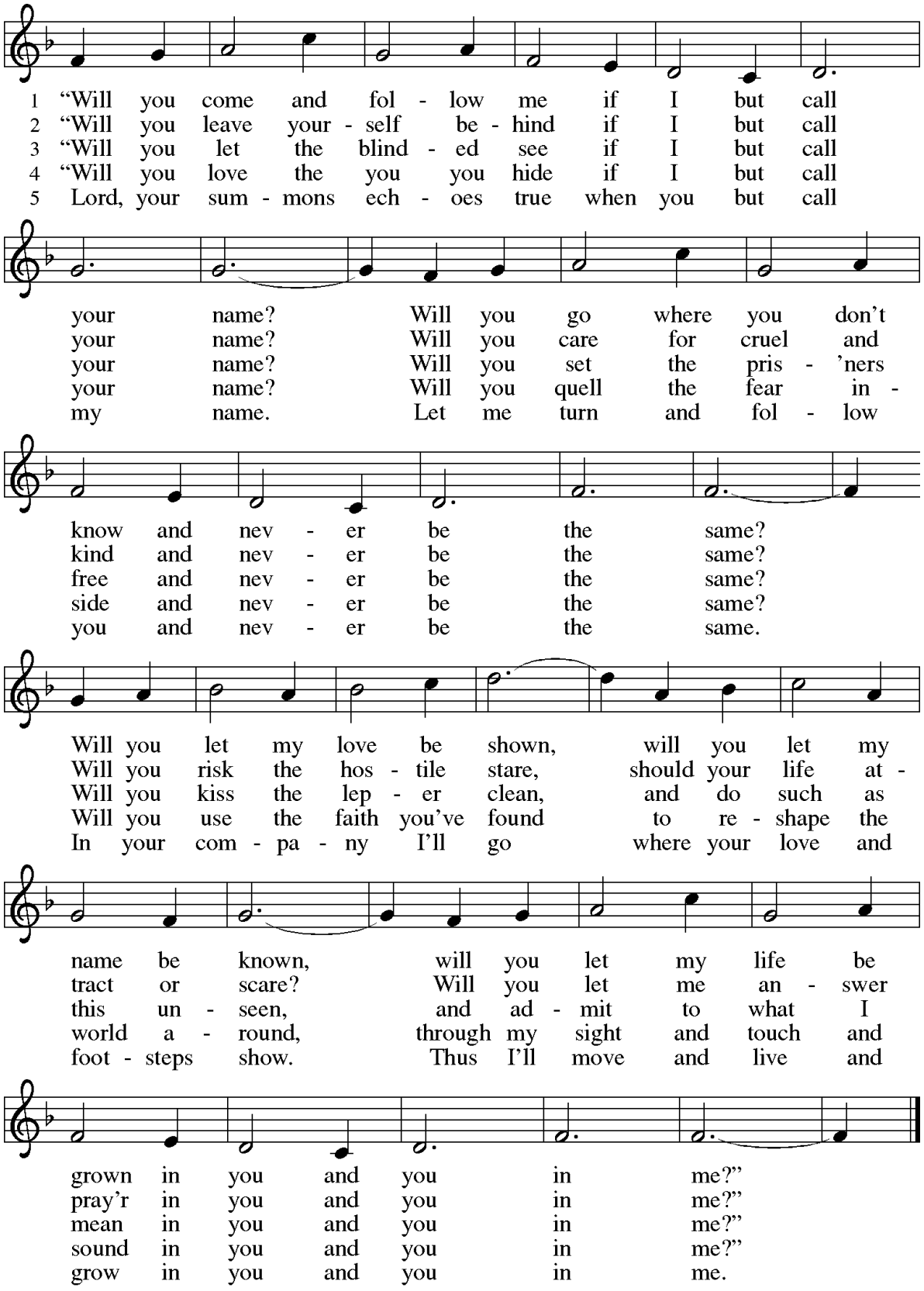
## COMMUNION

## COMMUNION HYMN *"Will You Come and Follow Me"* ELW 798

Led by the Emmanuel Chancel Choir (Please join in singing)


1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer pray'r in you and you in me?"
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.
**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.
**C: Nourishing God,**
**at this table you have refreshed us**
**with holy gifts of food and drink.**
**Strengthen us for service,**
**and send us out to embody your good news of liberation**
**and healing for the sake of the world.**
**In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# SENDING

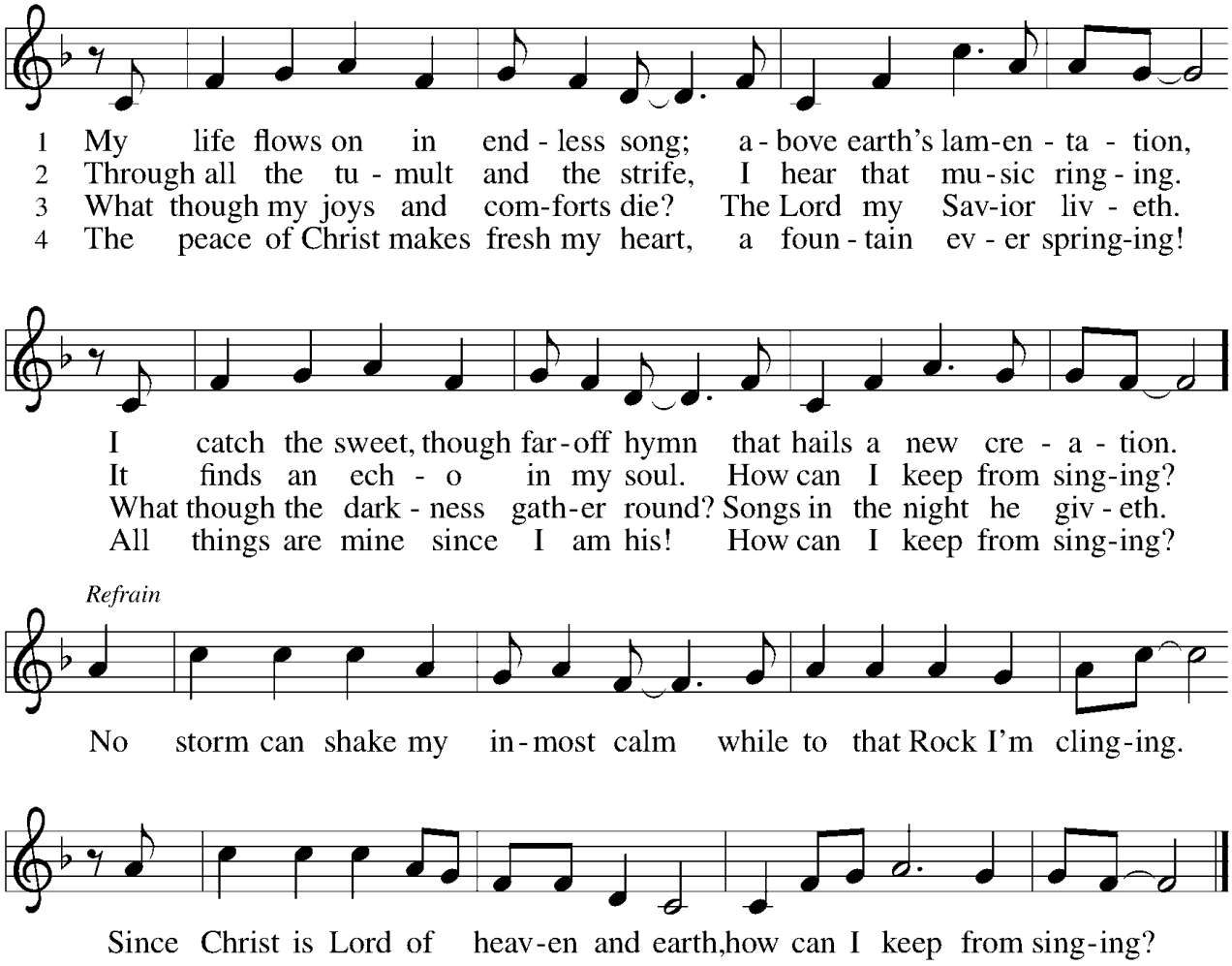
*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God
☩ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.
**C: Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN ELW 763

*"My Life Flows On in Endless Song"*


1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!
I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?
Refrain
No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.
Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex (Lobby), we would love to connect with you.**

*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.
*Printed copies of the Newsletter are in the magazine holder in the Narthex.
**Christ in Our Home* devotionals (January - March) can be found in the Narthex.
*Hand Sanitizers can be found in the Narthex and hanging at the end of the pews.

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**Please remember to wear your Name Tag**

It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

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**2025 Altar Flower Sign-up**

The 2025 Altar flower sign-up has been put up on the bulletin board outside the office. **Please sign-up for your date and turn in the form and monies in the offering plate or office mailbox.** Thank you!

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**Let's Go Out to Eat!**

The Membership Committee would like to invite you to a meal and conversation on Tuesday, January 21st at 5pm at Aubree's in Depot Town – located at 39 E. Cross St. Ypsilanti, MI. This is a social event for people to get to know each other better. If you have a friend who you'd like to bring who isn't a member at Emmanuel, they're more than welcome!

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# This Week at Emmanuel

**Sunday, January 19 – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

- **Handbell Choir 8:45am**
- **Chancel Choir 9:30am**
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – Noon
- **COUNCIL MEETING**
- Bethel Service 12:00pm

**Monday, January 20**

- Newsletter Deadline

**Tuesday, January 21**

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Refresh Committee 11:30am – 1:00pm
- Food Gatherers delivery approx. 1:00pm

**Wednesday, January 22**

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- **Bible Study 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm

**Thursday, January 23**

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- YCC 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Friday, January 24**

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Sunday, January 26 – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

- **Handbell Choir 8:45am**
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Coffee Hour 11:00am – Noon
- Bethel Service 12:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

**For those with young children:** Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground," located at the front of the church, was established as a positive, welcoming experience for children in church. Many churches have begun using this feature, which gives small children a space to squirm, quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Parents may want to sit nearby to accompany children, but don't worry about noise—worship leaders have microphones! We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try.

**Prayers requested for:** John, Cora, Mary, Corky, Lynn, Charlie, Judy, Vicki, Linda, Ray, the friends and family of Amrette.

**Assisting Ministers Needed!**

Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office; Or through sign-up genius. Assisting Ministers - Click here or Scan QR code

**Links:**

Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

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*Interim Pastor*..... *Rev. Joshua Rinas*
*Minister of Worship Music*..... *David Meitzler*
*Minister of Choral Conducting*..... *Jamie Gallupe*
*Assisting Minister*..... *Brett Chardenet*

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